



Dalry School Emergency School Closure / Early Closure Procedure / Transport Delay / Snow Start

Emergency School Closure. Any Emergency School Closure will be on the D&G Council website - <http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/15240/Emergency-school-closures>

Early Closure. From time to time (probably once or twice per year on average) an early closure may occur when we have to send some or all pupils home early due to unforeseen circumstances.

The commonest reasons are:

Breakdown of heating system;
Electrical failure;
Threatened bad weather (usually involving snow);
Bus breakdown which means that a bus has to do a double run.

In the event of an early school closure, a Groupcall text message will be sent out to the main contact parent/carer of each pupil.

After this the school will follow the instructions given to the school, via the form parents/carers are asked to complete at the start of each new school year in regard to the event of an early closure.

For **parents/carers of Nursery and Primary pupils** the form request information in regard to where their child/children should go, or by whom they can be collected by, in the event parents can't be contact and the school is closing. **These instructions will be followed closely**, thereby allowing the school to close (usually due to inclement weather) quickly and effectively.

If you would like to make an alternation to the instruction the school holds, please contact the school office.

For **parents/carers of Secondary pupils** the form requests information in regard to whether or not their child/children can be sent home without further contact from the school. We hope and expect that pupils S3 and S4 can simply be sent home. For children in S1 and S2 a few parents might wish to be contacted so that they can make arrangements on the day. Obviously, the fewer phone calls we have to make, the more quickly we can get pupils home in the event, say, of threatened bad weather.

Note regarding transport of pupils to school in the morning. Parents of pupils using school transport are reminded that it is the drivers decision as to whether the vehicle makes

the journey in the morning, after either heavy snow or frost. Should no transport arrive after a reasonable interval (30 - 35 minutes) and you decide to transport pupils to school yourself, please be responsible for the return journey in the evening.

A Groupcall text message will be used to convey information to parents in the first instance if there is an alteration to transport for that day.

“Snow Start” In the event of an ‘AMBER’ warning for snow in the Glenkens, dedicated transport will be one hour later than usual and formal school will start at 10am. A Groupcall text message will be sent.